

NH BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

7 Eagle Square - Hearings Room

CONCORD, NH 03301-4980

MONDAY, May 6, 2022

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The May 6, 2022, public session of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 12:03 pm by Puneet Kochhar, DMD, President, with the following members present:

Jay Patel, DDS	(JP)	
Howard Ludington, DDS	(HL)	
Virginia Moore, RDH	(VM)	
Puneet Kochhar, DMD, President	(PK)	
John Girald, DMD	(JG)	
Linda Tatarczuch, Public Member	(LT)	*arrived at 12:11 pm
Lisa Scott, RDH	(LS)	*arrived at 12:13 pm

Absent:

Muhenad Samaan, DMD	(MS)
Roger Achong, DMD	(RA)

Attendees present:

Sheri Phillips, Jessica Whelehan, Jenna Wilson, Allan Mulandi

Zoom teleconferencing technology was in use for this electronic meeting through <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87485332355?pwd=di9idW10MElqOXROWldrZkp4eUkxZz09>.

*All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Licensure – The Board discussed the ongoing issue with the large number of dentists who had lapsed as of May 1, 2022.

*The Board entered into non-meeting at 12:11 pm.

*The Board resumed Public Session at 2:43 pm.

2. Licensure (continued) – The Board, noting that criminal background checks could not be waived as they were in statute, voted to review each reinstatement application, and, if approved, inform the licensee that they would have 30 days from the date of a letter (to be issued by Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan) in which to demonstrate to the Board that they had successfully scheduled a criminal background check. Furthermore, the Board would need the completed criminal background check, as described in RSA 317-A:8-a. Failure to comply with this condition may result in an appearance before the Board. The Board also noted that there may be issues with the CEUs the applicants have submitted with their reinstatement applications. The Board decided that, after review, the Board would include a note regarding CEUs, and would detail the fact that they were allowing the licensee 60 days from the date of the letter to produce proof that all CEUs required in rule Den 403.03. Additionally, any CEUs submitted for reinstatement would not be eligible to count towards the 2024 renewal. The Board also

noted that they would continue to consider reinstatements and reinstatement waivers, but would only do so at their regularly scheduled meetings, as they had provided a pathway for licensees to complete their reinstatements expediently, and had received less than 30 applications.

- A. **BOBBIT Scott F. DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from JP, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver, and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training, infection control training, and opioid (pain management/addiction control) training.

- B. **BOUVIER Leslie DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second from PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training.

- C. **HEM Sophana DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training and infection control training.

- D. **KIRSCHNER Joan DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).

- E. **MOSKOWITZ Michael DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training.

- F. **POLGREAN Rachel DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be

submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training, only 1 hour of infection control training, and had failed to submit the required 30 hours of clinical training. The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.

- G. McGIRL Barton DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required 30 hours of clinical training. The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.
- H. COLLETTA Salvatore DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).
- I. PREDMORE James DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required CEUs outlined in Den 403.03, including, but not limited to, failing to submit training in medical emergencies, infection control, opioid (addiction control/pain management), and the required number of clinical hours. The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.
- J. SHAH Andrea DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by JP, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).
- K. VEST Tracey DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.
- L. WANG Austin DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal

background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required opioid training (pain management/addiction control), medical emergency training, and a BLS-HCP course as outlined in rule Den 403.07 (c).

- M. BURLISS Charles DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required opioid training (pain management/addiction control), and medical emergencies training.
- N. FRANCIS Anthony DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from LS, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required opioid training (pain management/addiction control), and medical emergencies training.
- O. GOLI Radhika DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergency training, and a BLS-HCP course as outlined in rule Den 403.07 (c).
- P. GRUETTE David DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by JP, the Board voted to inform the applicant that they needed to complete the reinstatement application before their application for inactive status, waiver request, and CEUs would be reviewed. Once the application is received it will be posted to the FTP secure site for JP to review. If the application is complete, Dr. Gruette will be issued a reinstated inactive license, and a letter will be sent informing Dr. Gruette that they are responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).
- Q. HOCHBERG Mark DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – The Board discussed this application with Attorney Sheri Phillips. Upon motion from PK, second from HL, the Board voted to approve the application to active status, noting that there were no conditions on this reinstatement as the applicant had submitted an application prior to lapsing to move from inactive to active status.

- R. LEMIEUX Henry DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by LS, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergencies training.
- S. MAILLET Justin DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by JG, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).
- T. MAILLET Monica DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from HL, second by JG, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board noted that the applicant failed to submit the required medical emergencies training.
- U. MULANDI Allan DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by JG, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.
- V. STARR Elizabeth DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from VM, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03.
- W. NYBERG Lynette DMD – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from JG, second by PK, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to active status and waiver, and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well) and submitting proof of CEUs required in Den 403.03 (to be submitted within 60 days). The Board asked that the letter point the applicant to Den 403.03 and Den 403.07.

- X. ELIKE Precious DDS – Expedited Reinstatement/Waiver** – Upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application to inactive status and waiver and issue a letter informing the licensee that they were responsible for completing a criminal background check (to be scheduled within 30 days, with proof of scheduling submitted to the Board within 30 days as well).

At 4:03 pm, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, and upon motion from PK, second by HL, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to go out of public session and into a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), and Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978).

At 4:27 p.m., upon motion by PK, and second by HL, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

Upon motion by PK, second by HL, the Board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes and to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

- 3. New Business** – Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan asked the Board what they wanted the newest last email to say, regarding reinstatements. The Board agreed to use the following language, based on the message that Jessica Whelehan had composed and sent on May 3, 2022:

“The New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners will continue to consider requests to waive reinstatement requirements for those individuals who failed to timely renew their license during this past renewal cycle ending on April 30, 2022. To be considered for a waiver, the applicant’s NH Dental License must have lapsed on May 1, 2022. Additionally, the applicant must complete and submit the following to the Board:

1. A reinstatement application, which is available at Applications for Dentists | NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification - may be mailed or hand-delivered to 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301, or may be scanned and emailed to customersupport@oplcnh.gov
2. A request for a waiver, in writing, citing the specific reason why the license lapsed and why fulfilling all the requirements for reinstatement (such as criminal background check, letters of verification, passage of jurisprudence) presents a hardship - may be mailed or hand-delivered to 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301, or may be scanned and emailed to customersupport@oplcnh.gov
3. Proof of having completed 40 CEUs, as detailed in rule Den 403.03, during the two-year renewal cycle ending April 30, 2022 (certificates or proof of attendance are required) - may be mailed or hand-delivered to 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301, or may be scanned and emailed to customersupport@oplcnh.gov
4. A \$225.00 payment, in the form of a certified bank check or money order, for reinstatement - may be mailed or hand-delivered to 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
5. A \$385.00 payment, in the form of a certified bank check or money order, for registration - may be mailed or hand-delivered to 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

These items must be received by the Board no later than 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, to be considered for a waiver of the reinstatement application at the next meeting of the NH Board of Dental Examiners on Monday, June 6, 2022.

As a reminder, practicing dentistry without an active license is a direct violation of RSA 317-A:15-a, which reads, in part, “Holders of lapsed active licenses are not authorized to practice until they receive written notification from the board that their licenses have been reinstated.””

At 4:33 p.m., PK adjourned the meeting.